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COLOR PLOTTING ON THE 2068 A HARDWARE INTERFACE FOR THE COMMODORE 1520

A review by P.Fischer

The color image you see was produced on a Commodore 1520 Printer/Plotter as interfaced to the 2068. The interface required comes from John McMichael in Wyoming. Other reviews have appeared on this system, but I always felt, "you gotta SEE it to really understand!"

This system is for people who are looking for an inexpensive way to produce hardcopy color graphics on the 2068.

The interface is, at it's minimum, a simple board that is intended to plug into an Oliger Expansion Board. But it is also easy to make it plug directly onto the computer by soldering on the appropriate connector.(or John will, for a small fee).It also comes bundled with a software patch that allows you to drive the plotter from BASIC.

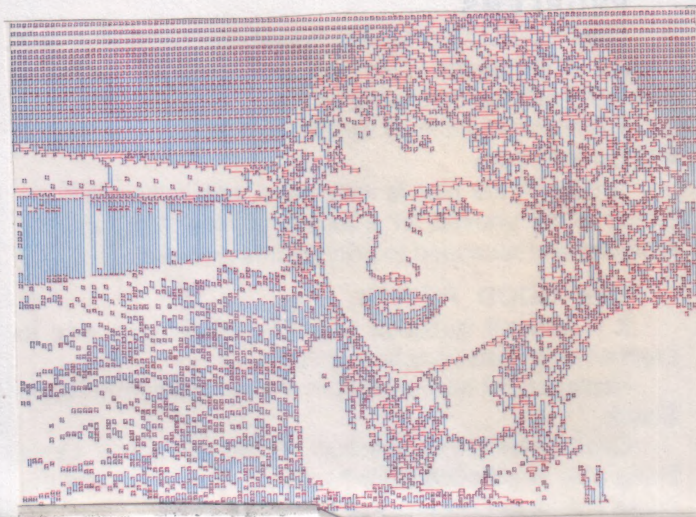
There are also several additional pieces of software available to compliment this system. The two I ordered were PIC-PLOT and SCREEN-TO-PLOTTER. The former simply allows you to load a SCREEN\$ and plot it in one or two colors (2 different sizes). The second allows you to control the plotter mechanism with a joystick or trackball in "real time". You can also load a SCREEN\$ first, then just "trace over" that image. Using this program you can change colors whenever you want. The moves are automatically stored in RAM. When finished you can SAVE these moves to tape for later re-loading and re-plotting so you can make as many copies as you like.

As you can see, the lines drawn by the 1520 are quite fine. This, I feel, is one of it's most impressive features. No other device for the 2068 matches this sharpness, as far as I know.

The screen you see was produced by PIC-PLOT, and this is the largest size available. There is another size, about 1/4 of this. So the 1520 obviously does not compete with a commercial plotter by any means. But the price is right; \$30 for the plotter itself, and about as much for the interface. The two mentioned programs are \$9 each. A recent development is that the same interface will also drive an OKIMATE 20 color printer, more on this later.

But the 1520 is a wonder unto itself. It's 6x11x 3" and the mechanism is a bit larger than a cigarette pack. John analyzed it, even went out and bought a VIC 20 to see how it was intended to work. It contains it's own ROM which gives it a larger array of functions even without the 2 special programs I got.

I used it mostly with PIC-PLOT (the easiest),you just load in a SCREEN, pick a size, pick the color or colors (red, blue, green or black) and the software does the rest.



The results are mixed. Some plots are spectacular, others only mud. But it's all worth it for the spectacular ones. After a while, you begin to have a feel for which ones most likely will work and which won't. There's a direct correlation with the complexity of the image. The more complex, the more likely the "mud" effect. Also, in the large size PIC- PLOT printout, shadows come out as white, confusing the image.

The time to plot also varies by complexity. Simple images can take as little as 7 minutes. The longest one took slightly over an hour. Obviously you can't stand there and watch it, you have to do something else while it plots.

The biggest problem with this plotter is availability. They haven't been manufactured for some time, so it's necessary to find the plotter FIRST, and THEN order the interface. Possible sources include Commodore users who are selling out their entire systems or perhaps by contacting a Commodore User Group. I bought mine, some time back, from TOYS-R-US. They at one time had 50,000 of them, but appear to have sold out. It's worth a phonecall, however, if there's a store local to you.

The second program I tested was the SCREEN-TO-PLOTTER software, and I liked it. It requires a bit of "eye-hand" coordination to work. No effortless plots here. The basic principle here is that you have a Joystick or (in my case) a trackball and the plotter running. You can move the cursor anywhere on the screen, and then hit enter the plotter will immediately draw the same line on the paper. Move the cursor again, and repeat the process. Each

move is stored in ram and can be re-run for multiple copies. My first attempt was a house on a hill with the sun setting behind it. The house and hill were easy, but when I tried to draw a believable sun, I fell on my face. I had to draw a circle on a piece of clear plastic, tape the plastic to the screen and then trace it. The didn't work either because my monitor horizontal to vertical ratio was different than the plotter. But I fixed that because my monitor has controls to adjust both. The next time, it worked fine. But it's a slow process. If all goes well, however, the results are rewarding. It strikes me particularly intriguing to do one of these, save the data to tape (or disk) and send it to a friend and let him watch it plot before his own eyes.

PROBLEMS

The PIC-PLOT program "trims" the two sides and bottom of the image. This can sometimes cause minor problems with the resultant plot.

The mechanism itself is delicate and must be treated with extreme care.

The ink in the nibs is watercolor, and dries out if the plotter is left unused for a period of time. They can be removed and recapped to prevent this problem

THE GOOD POINTS

It is without question the least expensive way to produce color hardcopy from a 2068.

Replacement nibs and paper are available from Radio Shack.

Overall I feel it's an excellent buy for the money. I love being able to produce color hardcopy, and these are the prices I came to Timex for in the first place.

WISH LIST

I wish I could plot a picture using PIC-PLOT and then load SCREEN-TO-PLOTTER and "touch-up" the picture I just plotted. Currently you can't do this since both the termination of PIC-PLOT and the initialization of SCREEN-TO-PLOTTER advance the paper feed on the 1520.

I wish the 1520 screen matched the 2068 screen so that it wouldn't "clip off" the edges.

I wish I could refill the pen nibs with other colors of ink.

I wish that when PIC-PLOT drew the horizontal lines that it started at the top of the image rather than at the bottom. This would allow me to see the image as it's being produced rather than waiting till it's done.

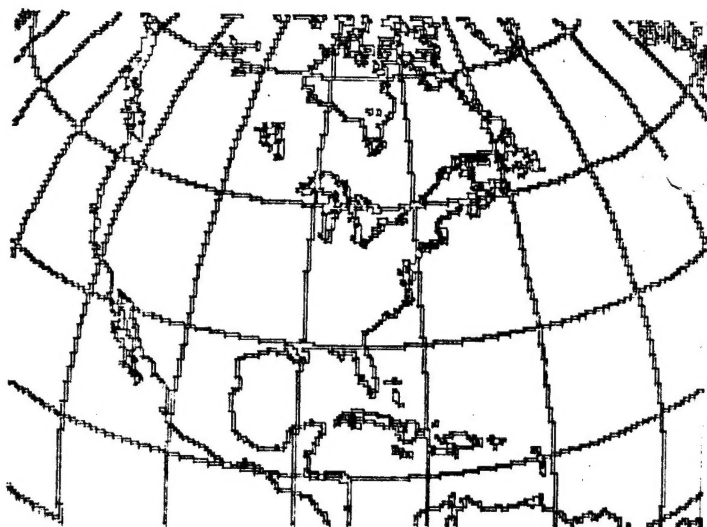
The hardware portion of this system is available in the Oliger tradition, i.e., bareboard (\$15), bareboard with parts (\$21) and fully assembled (\$30), but it's a very simple configuration with only 4 IC's much like an Oliger Parallel printer interface.

Incidentally, there are 200 copies of Timelinez this time around, each one has a different plot on it. So if you know anyone else who gets Timelinez, you can see a different example.

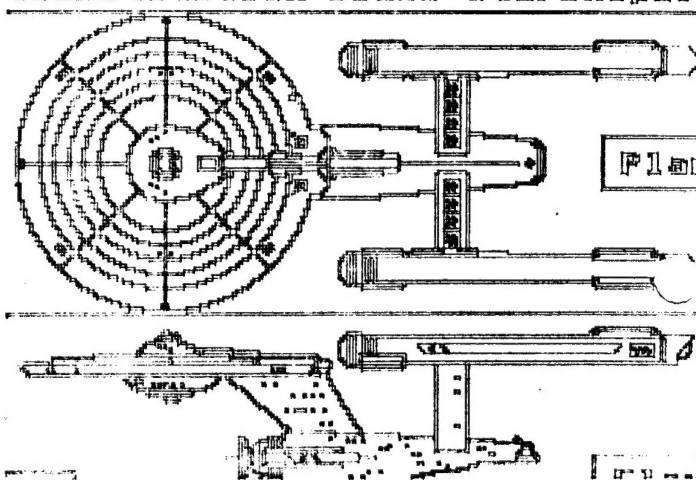
NEW FEATURE

John Discovered that the same interface can also be used to drive an OKIMATE 20 color printer. This printer is very much still in production, albeit slightly more expensive. I haven't gotten one of these, but the sample I saw really impressed me.

For more information, send a S.A.S.E. to John McMichael/1710 Palmer Dr/Laramie, WY 82070.



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covering T/S1000-1500,
T/S 2068, Spectrum and
the QL.
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S . N . U . G . MEMOGRAM

When the first news release was sent out in late March, we weren't sure what would happen. As the June 30, 1988 deadline approached, we received approximately 75 cards and letters with an additional 10 phone calls. We were very surprised to hear that we were being discussed in other parts of the world. A letter was sent from Down Under - all the way from Australia. Some of the letters were what we were looking for... opinions as to what people were looking for in an organization of this type. Every single correspondence was in the affirmative - not one had anything to disagree with. The need and desire for an organization such as this is there.

At a meeting of former Winterfest '88 officials, the following was decided on:

1. S.N.U.G. would be a reality
2. The purpose of S.N.U.G. is to act as facilitator between Users Groups and Sinclair users. We want to act as the single source to look to for information about Sinclair and to direct inquiries to the proper sources. Some of the ways to accomplish this purpose is with goals such as the ones listed below. We would have this information on file for distribution.
 - a) Sinclair Oriented Users Groups
 - b) Current and active list of Vendors
 - c) Names and addresses of Sinclair Users (with permission!)
 - d) Accurate and up to date listing of Sinclair specific BBS's
 - e) Public Domain Software Library (PDSL)
 - f) Newsletter and Document Library (NDL)
 - g) Establish a database of known hardware and software problems with available cures
3. General elections for officers would take place in January, 1989.

4. Dues Structure:

\$ 12.00 Individual Membership
\$ 15.00 User Group Membership

5. Membership:

We are targeting Users Groups and for those not associated with a U.G., they may have membership-at-large status.

Initial membership needed - One Hundred (100) memberships between 9/1/88 and 1/1/89 to help to defray start up costs. To be successful, a minimum membership of Three Hundred (300) needed by 6/1/89.

At this point we want to point out we are not in competition with currently established Users groups. The idea has been and always will be to support these groups and not detract from them. They are the backbone of the community. We are here to help them and in turn help themselves. Without them we would have a very difficult road indeed. They are our best friends and we wish to return the favor. This does not preclude the individual user, isolated without ready access to a Users group. Though we hope to put him/her with all Users groups or point him to local users nearby. Who knows? Maybe a new Users group could form.

6. A Quarterly publication to start in 1989 with an annual update of users and Users Groups (Sinclair Annual 1989). Other issues could contain specific info on the organization and possibly an index of published Sinclair related articles during that quarter. Any other submissions will be considered for publication.
7. Publication in the Quarterly Journal of a Calendar of events updated every three months to prevent possible overlap and conflicts of area events.
8. Organization of special interest subgroups such as a Beginners group, individual Disc Operated Systems groups, Pro-file and Mscript software groups for example.

9. Establishing a follow-up procedure for complaints to vendors.

Long term goals include a forum of interested parties to lead to standardization of hardware and software; making contact with and utilization of software bases in England and other parts of the globe; investigation of release into the public domain of information being held by authorized patent holders of Sinclair Technology; contact former software houses and cottage industries to release their rights and interests in programs no longer on the current market.

To prevent the idea that S.N.U.G. is "VAPORWARE - here in word only", the first order is to get the PDSL up and running. We have offers from some users groups and prominent individuals to donate their libraries. It is our goal to have every published program listing made available to members. We anticipate in the coming year to have the largest base of Sinclair specific software on the continent.

What does this all mean? This idea will not fly without your participation. If you do nothing to prolong the life of your computer now, then eventually there will be no support. Anything less is simply not feasible.

Mel Nathanson

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SINCLAIR USERS UNITE! Sing up for S.N.U.G.!

Sinclair/Tinex Northamerican Users Group is being formed. It will provide all of us with a unified voice to vendors, the latest product info, a list of other members, and the largest library of Public Domain and Shareware software in the United States. For more information fill out the sheet below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Work#: _____

Computer Equipment I own and peripherals are:

I would () would not () be interested in having a quarterly newsletter.

I would () would not () be interested in working on or submitting items for the newsletter.

Here is a list of some of the programs I have done that might interest other people:

Products that I would like to see for my computer are:

I subscribe to the following computer related publications:

Other user groups I belong to are: _____
(I've circled my local group)

I would () would not () like my name given to vendors at this time and other computer fests for future mailings. Software I am interested in either Public Domain, Shareware or Commercial is:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

VIEW FROM RAM-TOP

SSKKRREEEECCHHH!

WOW! What month
is it? December!
Really? NO! It
couldn't be. I
just finished

eating my leftovers from Thanksgiving. Yes, it's now that time to open up all those mail-order catalogs, visit your local department store, and then go completely bankrupt for the rest of the year and the first part of the next. And this is what most Americans call "The Happy Holiday Season".

Seriously, with sales up and boosting this year, now is the perfect time to support your **TIMEXsinclair** and **sinclair** vendors. Latest releases from 1988 such as Pixel Print Professional by Lemke Software Development gives the T/S 2068 high quality desk-top publishing. Features like bank switching, 64 column printing, and availability for any disk format just can't be ignored. Bottle Cap Software has introduced Graphit-1, a first in a series of Information Charting programs. Battlestar Xemit and Start-Rek by UP Hosey both look promising as exciting games. For the QL, both hardware and software have jumped. Emsoft's new catalog lists business and financial titles, disk and programming utilities. Meta Media Productions provides one of the best smart terminal programs that supports Unarc, Uncrunch, Filters, etc. Digital Precision has announced an IBM emulator. They claim a 95% compatibility with IBM, PC clones, Compaq, and Amstrad. Also a hard-disc driver and interface is soon due. Of course, we can't stop here without mentioning the new arrival of the Cambridge 288 personal Laptop computer. It's definitely an "Uncle Clivey" original. The first in it's class. And finally the one gift that out does all others, **TIMEdesigns** **MAGAZINE**, the most comprehensive publication for all Sinclair oriented systems.

Either way you choose, you can not loose. So go ahead and buy that 2400 baud modem you've been drooling over, or decide on that disc drive you have been spinning in your head. And while your at it, pick up a program or two (one for the kids and one for you).

The Editors...

NOTE PAD

BY WILLIAM J. PEDERSEN

Sometimes you want to drop off a note to a friend, and you are forever forgetting the address. Perhaps you don't feel like a session with that word processor. Maybe you don't have one and the only printer you have is the T/S 2040.

Whatever the reason, here is a little program that can do a lot in the way of convenience.

You can enter all your favorite people into lines starting at 3001. Don't forget to index them in line 1700.

You put your closing in line 1901.

You can save all this in two copies using GO TO 4000.

Of course you have something different to say each time.

A template is provided as line 1850. Merely copy it as many times as you need as lines 1810 to 1847.

While you are writing, you can print to the screen. Once that meets your satisfaction, you can send it to your printer instead.

To erase a note, use DELETE 1810,1847. Then you can start a new one. You might want to add this as a program line, but most notes aren't so long.

There is also another template for your headings in line 3102.

One last thing. The program lets you make mailing labels.

```
1600 REM **** NOTE PAD ****
1601 REM (c)1985 W.J. Pedersen
1602 REM
1603 LET Who=3100: LET Where=2:
    LET Print=1801: LIST 1601:
    STOP
1608 REM
1610 REM This program is for
    casual notes and mail-
    ing labels if you don't
    want to keep a formal
    file.
1612 REM
```



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1700 REM 3001 Pen Pal
      3100 Kermit the Frog
1715 REM
1716 REM ENTER: LET Who=????
1717 REM ENTER: Where=?
      ?=2 for screen
      ?=3 for printer
1718 REM
1719 REM The following is a
      heading..or label if you
      BREAK at the PAUSE 0.
      ENTER: GO TO print
1720 REM
1801 CLS : GO SUB Who: PAUSE 0
1802 REM
1804 REM Copy the template as
      often as needed for the
      text.
1810 PRINT # Where;
      "
      This is where you write. Copy
      template from line 1850 as you
      need them. Watch your language.
1848 REM
1850 PRINT # Where;
      "
1900 REM
1901 PRINT # Where;
      "
      Respectfully yours,"
      Wonderful ME!"
1999 STOP : GO TO 1801
2000 REM
2998 Add your headings at
      1700 and here.
3000 REM
3001 PRINT # Where;"Pen Pal""AL
CATRAZ""Alcatraz Island, CA 773
40""Dear Birdy,"": RETURN
3100 PRINT # WHERE;"Kermit the F
rog""Star's Dressing Room""The
MUPPET SHOW""BOOBTOOB U.S.A.""
""Dear Kermie,"": RETURN
3102 PRINT # Where;"TEMPLATE""
""""""""Dear ?,"": RETURN
3104 REM
4001 SAVE "NOTE PAD" LINE 1
4003 SAVE "NOTE PAD" LINE 1
4005 STOP

```

LINKED LISTS

BY LT T. SWENSON

A linked list is a dynamic storage method used in a language like Pascal. It is designed to expand as the user needs it. This is not possible in BASIC, but there are some features of linked lists that can be useful in BASIC.

Let's say you have a list of names that you need to keep sorted. You will be adding to the list often. You do not want to spend the time to re-sort the list every time you add to it, but you still need to keep it sorted. Here is where a linked list comes in handy.

A linked list is a record that has essentially two parts. The first is the data. The second is a pointer to the next record. The pointer tells the computer where to look for the next record. Look at Diagram #1 to see how this works.

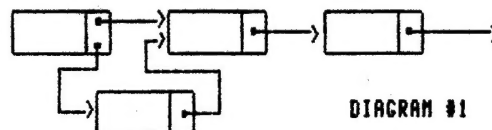


DIAGRAM #1

The way we will implement linked lists is to store the data in an array and have a pointer array that says "for record X the next record is at Y". Or in BASIC, pointer (X)=Y. Each new record will be added to the array in the next open position. The third record entered will be added to the array in the next open position. The third record entered will be in the third place in the array. There is also a ROOT pointer that tells us where the first record is. First meaning the first in the sort.

When we insert a record we only change the data in the record before it (by the pointer) and the new record. Look again at Diagram #1 to see how the pointers change for the two records involved.

Diagram #2 shows a before and after of the array as it is seen to BASIC. Note the data does not change, just the pointers.

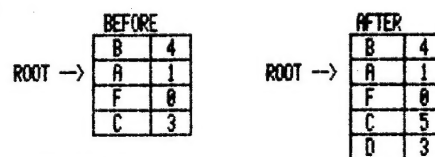


DIAGRAM #2

All four situations must be handled slightly differently. Each one has a comment before it in the program so you can see how each is handled. The program handles only inserting, but deleting can also be added to it. The program allows you to print out the sorted list to show you that it is sorted.

The process may look complicated, but it saves you a lot of time over sorting. A lot of times the most efficient method is fairly complicated.

Type in the program below to see how this works. It looks long and complicated, but it is

not. A lot of it is to take care of special situations. As you insert into the list four things can happen:

- 1) Linked list is empty.
- 2) New record is inserted at front of list.
- 3) New record is inserted at end of list.
- 4) New record is inserted someplace else (happens most often).

```

100 DIM stores$(20,10)
110 DIM pointerarray(20)
120 LET root = 1
130 LET count = 1
140 CLS
150 PRINT "1] Enter new string"
160 PRINT "2] Print out"
170 PRINT
180 INPUT "Enter choice : ";
    choice
190 PRINT
200 IF choice=1 THEN enterstring
210 IF choice=2 THEN
220     printout
230     PRINT
240     PRINT "Hit any key to
        continue"
250 PAUSE
260 END IF
270 GO TO 140
280 DEFINE PROCEDURE enterstring
290 INPUT "Enter String : ";in$
300 LET pointernew = root
310 REMARK ARRAY IS EMPTY
320 IF stores$(pointernew)="" THEN
330     stores$(count,in$)
340     root = count
350     pointerarray(count)=0
360     count = count + 1
370     RETURN
380 END IF
390 REMARK IN$ IS BEFORE FIRST
    ENTRY
400 IF in$<stores$(pointernew)
    THEN
410     stores$(count) = in$
420     root = count
430     pointerarray(count) =
        pointernew
440     count = count +1
450     RETURN
460 END IF
470 REPEAT loop
480 LET pointerold = pointernew
490 LET pointernew =pointerarray
    (pointernew)
500 REMARK REACHED END OF LIST
510 IF pointernew = 0 THEN
520     stores$(count) = in$
530     pointerarray(count) = 0
540     pointerarray(pointerold)
        count
550     count = count +1
560     EXIT loop
570 END IF
580 REMARK REACHED PROPER PLACE
    FOR IN$

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```

590 IF in$<stores$(pointernew)
    THEN
600     stores$(count) = in$
610     pointerarray(count) =
        pointernew
620     pointerarray (pointerold)
        = count
630     count = count +1
640     EXIT loop
650 END IF
660 END REPEAT loop
670 END DEFINE
680 DEFINE PROCEDURE printout
690 CLS
700 LET pointer = root
710 PRINT stores$(pointer)
720 LET pointer = pointerarray
    (pointer)
730 IF pointer = 0 THEN RETURN
740 GO TO 710
750 END DEFINE

```

PUG'S NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE PAGE

BoSUC Sinclair/Timex Newsletter.....

JUST FOR FUN
Reset the QL and enter CLS 100.
Fun, huh? OK, reset the QL
again. Why doesn't it happen
with CLS 99 or CLS 101? I don't
know either.

CCAT/S USER GROUP The Plotter.....

Recently I read that the some
6000 computers inflicted with
virus were all of the type that
depends on the operating system
input by disk. It was the OS
that was stored on disk that was
contaminated. Our lowly TS
types with self contained OS
should be safe from this type of
virus (OS virus?).

LONG ISLAND SINCLAIR-TIMEX USERS L.I.S.T.ing Newsletter.....

Brooklyn Closeout Corp. has
confirmed that they still have
TIMEXsinclair 2068's for sale.
Bargin with them to get the best
price.

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(sa88419a);;

HOW TO MAKE YOUR TIMEX SINCLAIR
COMPUTER COMPATIBLE WITH::
AMIGA, APPLE II, ATARI,
COMMODORE, CP/M, IBM,
MACINTOSH, & MORE...

First you need an Amiga,
Apple II, Atari, Commodore,
CP/M, IBM (or clone),
Macintosh, or other computer
with a serial port to use as a
File Server Computer..

These aren't hard to find. Look
around, you will probably find
one laying around the house
somewhere..

If not, maybe a friend has one,
or you can get someone to give
you one they are not using..
Only buy one as a last resort...

Next you need two things for
your Timex Sinclair::....

1. A serial port interface..
* The QL has a couple built in..
* The TS2088 may be able to use
the ones in the Timex Portugal
disk unit..
* The Spectrum may be able to
use the one in the Wafadrive
(although we suspect it is only
one way)..
* For the TS1000, you can
probably buy or make one (This
is also an option for the
TS2088 and Spectrum). Some
people will tell you this isn't
to difficult (but they may not
tell you where to buy one or
how to make one)...

2. Some Software: This is the
subject of this article...

What does the software need to
do?..

At the very minimum it should be
able to::

- * Format a disc..
- * Get a Directory..
- * View a File on the TS
display..

These three items are pretty
easy to do by redirecting the
File Server Computer I/O as
demonstrated in 'QL to PC Clone
Cable & Test Program' Shareware
File (ts88728a) by Mark Wahl
and Terry Greenlee...

In addition, it must be able
to::...

- * SAVE a TS File (BASIC &
BYTES)..
* LOAD a TS File (BASIC &
BYTES)..
This isn't so easy and is
probably where most of the
development effort will be...

Additional desirable features
would be::...

- * Print a File to the TS Printer
one sector at a time..
* Manipulate an ASCII file a few
sectors at a time..

Some software will probably be
required for the File Server
Computer..

Hopefully this would be mostly
in BASIC with the routines that
need to be fast written in 'C'
(for portability) or in Machine
Code (Assembly)...

One question that needs to be
answered is 'What should this
software look like to the
User?'

We suspect it should be menu
driven, and the BASIC portions
(and the source code for the
'C' and Assembly portions)
should be written in a very
'readable' manner so that it
can be 'maintained' (customized
or changed) easily by the
user...

Mark Wahl is investigating 'C' &
88000 Assembly Source Code from
MINIX, MINIX messages on
USENET, AMIGA Shareware, & GNU
(GNU's Not UNIX) for use in
this project...

Mike Furman is working on an
RS-232 Interface design for the
TS1000 that should be adaptable
to the TS2088...

This seems to be an interesting
project since it would make the
TS Computers much more usefull
at an economical price and
provide an opportunity to learn
more about BASIC, 'C', and
88000 Assembly Language...

If you would like to help with
this project, contact::....

SincLink..
c/o Bill Miller..
(408)253-3175..
8675 Clifford Drive..
Cupertino, CA 95014-4530...

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408-253-3175...

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Authors disclaim responsibility
for the results of hardware
modifications to your computer
system..
If you are not SURE of your
capabilities, get someone with
more experience to help you...

8 What is Sincink?..
Sincink is the name of the
original publication of the
Group Using Times Sinclair of
Silicon Valley (GUTS/SV)..
Sincink was first published in
April, 1982..
Parts of Sincink are usually
printed in TIMELINEZ, the
publication of Times Sinclair
East Bay 280 User Group
(TSEB2UG), Times Sinclair
Peninsula User Group (TSPUG)
and GUTS/SV...

8 What are the advantages of
'subscribing' to Sincink?..
The purpose of all user groups
is to share information..
The best way to do this is thru
a newsletter, since most
members cannot attend every
meeting..
If you have a problem (or a
solution), the best way to ask
for help (or give help) is thru
the newsletter..
The newsletter also usually
contains information about
other User Groups around the
nation and world that we gather
thru our newsletter
exchanges...

8 How do I 'subscribe' to
Sincink?..
For User Groups (even small
ones- there is nothing wrong
with a one person User Group
that puts out it's newsletter
on a TS2040), we would prefer
to exchange newsletters on disk
(or paper if disk is not
available)..
If you just can't exchange
newsletters, the best way to
'Subscribe' to Sincink is thru
SLIX (S)inc(L)ink
(I)nf(ormation E)xc(hange)..
Send us some Sinclair related
information and we will send
you a current Sincink and a
'SLIX Contacts' printout with
your information in it so that
you can check it for accuracy
and suitability..
Mail exchange newsletters or
information (on disk or
paper) to:..
SLIX..
c/o Bill Miller, 408-253-3175..
4475 Clifford Drive..
Cupertino, CA 95014-4530..
You may also call your
information in to the telephone
number listed above..
The information will become part
of the Permanent SLIX Database
which will be made available to
all SLIX participants in as
many disk formats as we can
manage..
The preferred method for
exchanging information is as
ASCII text on 3.5in or 5.25in
floppy diskette using:..
88 MFM (Modified Frequency
Modulation- double density)..
88 80 or 40 cylinders..
88 (2) tracks (heads) per
cylinder..
88 (9) 512 BYTE sectors per
track..

The preferred disk formats (in
descending order of preference)
are:..
88 QL 3.5in, 720K..
88 QL 3.25in, 720K..
88 QL Cartridge or other QL Disk
Formats (Single Sided, 3in,
etc.)..
88 MS(PC)-DOS 3.5in, 720K
(Preferred Standard 3.5in)..
88 MS(PC)-DOS 5.25in, 360K
(Preferred Standard 5.25in)..
88 MS(PC)-DOS 3.5in, 1.44MB..
88 MS(PC)-DOS 5.25, 1.2MB..
88 C64/128 3.5in, 800K..
88 C64/128 5.25in, 340K..
88 Amiga 3.5in, 800K..
88 TS2068 5.25in, Larken 800K..
88 TS2068 3.5in, Larken 800K..
88 TS2068 5.25in, JLD 777K..
88 TS2068 3.5in, JLD 777K..
88 Macintosh 3.5in, 400K..
88 Macintosh 3.5in, 800K..
88 'NEXT' 25MB Optical Disk...

If you don't have a disk system
that can read and write any of
these formats, parts of
Sincink are available in
TIMELINEZ..
TIMELINEZ subscriptions are
available (\$15 Annually) from:
American Micro Connection..
408-270-9730..
2175 Aborn Road 8262..
San Jose, CA 95121...

If you absolutely MUST have most
of Sincink in printed form and
you already subscribe to
TIMELINEZ, subscriptions to
Sincink are \$10.00 per year.
If you do not subscribe to
TIMELINEZ, subscriptions are
\$15.00 per year..
Make check or money order
payable to:..
Sincink..
Mail to:..
Sincink..
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4475 Clifford Drive..
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SLIX Contacts 8811 (32):...

8 881130/GUTS/SV? Meeting;;
Attendees (4): Bill Miller;;
Mark Wahl;; Bob Kuster;; Terry
Greenlee..
88 Bill brought Sincink
Exchange Newsletters and
Contacts:..
88 sx8811 (7)..
88 sc8811 (31)..
88 sx8810 (11)..
88 sc8810 (34)..
88 Mark donated the Save & Load
Patch for the QL 'Pay Check
Analyzer' Program (TIMELINEZ
8811 page 391)..
88 Bob brought the TS2068
Shareware and Commercial
Libraries. Thanks Bob!
He plans to copy the Shareware
Library to his JLD Disk System.
After that is accomplished, we
may be able to prevail upon him
to be the Shareware TS2068 JLD
Disk Librarian?..
Bob also promised to make us a
list of his Sinc and Syntax
Library..
Bob also reports (in answer to
Richard Matejovic's
881008.1617-1703 question
about a source for the 'Winky
Board II' TS1000 tape loading
aid) that they are still
available from: TS Vendor:
Russell Electronics;;
814-344-1325;; RDI, Box 539;;
Centre Mall;; PA;; 16820;;

(From: TIMELINEZ 8801 Page
98)..
He had some trouble with the
3.5in 720K Toshiba drive he was
using with his QL and sent it
back for head alignment, but
didn't get an RMA (Return
Merchandise Authorization)
number, and now it seems to be
lost..
He is using 3.5in Single Sided
drives that he bought for \$19
each..
Bob plans on attending the
PC UNIX 816 the first Wednesday
of the month at 7:00pm at AT&T
on Duane Ave. in Sunnyvale..
88 Terry gave a SHAREWARE FILE
WARNING!!; Filename: ts88726a
(rscable);; Description: 'QL to
PC Clone Cable & Software by
Mark Wahl & Terry Greenlee'
(TIMELINEZ 8807-8 page 372 and
Sincink 8807-9 page 6) has
errors in the cable wiring
diagram!! DO NOT USE IT. It
could do permanent damage to
your computer. Terry has
promised to get us a correct
file..
Terry also promised to help Bob
learn to use his AT&T 7300,
UNIX, and 'C' Compiler...

8 881130.1725/Call from: Mike
Furman..
Mike says he will not be able to
attend the GUTS/SV? Meeting
tonight..
He reports Bill Miller has been
purged from the LogOn/SV BBS
for not calling since about
8803. Mike volunteers to be a
'Pseudo' Bill Miller and keep
his active on the BBS. We will
keep a record of all messages

to him and attempt to answer
those he can. All he needs is
the password and access key..
Mike also says he will try to
work on the following projects
(6):..
88 List of all the items Mike
has borrowed from the Sincink
Library..
88 List (or at least quantity)
of all Mike's Times Sinclair
items not already listed in the
Sincink Inventory:..
88 Documents..
88 Magazines..
88 Books..
88 Software..
88 Hardware..
88 TS1000 RS-232 design and
prototype..
88 TS1000 user defined character
set..
88 TRS-80 CoCo Hi-Res Graphics
using the TM9918A.. 88
88 TRS-80 CoCo Read & Write on
MS(PC)-DOS 360K Disc under
TRS-DOS or OS-9..
Mike..
Thanks for volunteering to be
the 'Pseudo' Bill Miller. The
password and access key are
attached...

8 881128.2141/Call from: Andy
Hradsky..
Andy says TIMELINEZ costs \$0.035
per page to produce..
At 14 pages to include Sincink
8810-11, this seems to be
within Sincink's \$1.25 per
issue budget..
It appears we can finance
TIMELINEZ fulfillment of
Sincink subscriptions out of
the Sincink account and still
have finances for the

Information Exchange,
Newsletter Exchange, and
Library Projects..
All we will need is a list of
Sincink subscribers to which
an issue of TIMELINEZ was
mailed to fulfill their
subscription and we can mail a
check for that fulfillment to
American Micro Connection...

8 881128.0952/Call from: Bob
Kuster..
Bob reports he has a JLD Disk
System for his TS2068 and he
would like to back up the
TS2068 Public Domain Library to
his JLD System. We suggested he
get the library from Andy and
bring it to the 881130 Meeting
at the Cupertino Library...

8 881127/San Jose Mercury News
Computing Section Page 6F,
'Agenda'; Jack Davis;;
ACB-TEL-NUMB7;; 'Agenda'
Editor?; 750 Ridder Park
Drive;; San Jose;; CA;; 95190..
Jack..
Thanks for publishing the
information about the Times
Sinclair 816 of the Computer
Workshop meeting at Stanford
University every Saturday
Morning..
However, the Last Wednesday of
the month meeting of the Times
Sinclair Silicon Valley Users
was omitted. Hope you haven't
forgotten us and this was just
due to an oversight or lack of
space..
The item should read:..
Times Sinclair Silicon Valley
Users will meet at 7:00pm at

800 XL System about a week

ago..
Roger also says that TS Vendor: M&J Data Systems; 516-543-5252 (from Computer Bargain Line No.1, Sept. 1988); now carries the TS2048 Technical Manual and that he intends to get one..

Rogers:

Thanks for your interest. Hope you decide to subscribe! If you contact any of the TS User Groups listed on page 7 of the attached Sincink 0810-11, tell us which ones are answering their mail...

8 081113/Call from: Andy

Mradesky..

Andy reports a New User was born to Stephanie and he (a son) Nov. 37. Congratulations!.. He also reports he thinks he can get into the next TIMELINEZ..

Sincink 0810-11..

81 'sn88ath.doc'..

81 Table of Contents..

81 Disk (Media) Exchange..

81 0810 SLIX Contacts (34)..

81 0809 SLIX Contacts (33)..

81 Maybe 'sn88.doc'7..

81 Modified Records from

sl88.doc..

81 'What is Sincink?; What are the Advantages of Subscribing to Sincink?; How do I Subscribe to Sincink?..

81 'Back Issues of TIMELINEZ/Sincink...'

Andy suspects that with the present \$15/yr subscription rate we can maintain the same number of issues per year with the same number of pages as in the past..

A brief summation of past TIMELINEZ issues follows..

(82) pages per year average..

81 1987; (10) issues; (92)

pages..

81 8712; (12)..

81 8710-11; (12)..

81 8708? (9?); (8)..

81 8707-8; (8)..

81 8706; (8)..

81 8705; (8)..

81 8704; (8)..

81 8703; (8)..

81 8702; (8)..

81 8701; (12)..

81 1986; (8) issues; (72)

pages..

81 8611-12; (12)..

81 8609-10; (8)..

81 8607-8; (10)..

81 8606; (8)..

81 8605; (8)..

81 8604; (8)..

81 8602-3; (10)..

81 8601; (8)..

81 1985; (9) issues; (84)

pages..

81 8512; (10)..

81 8510-11; (10)..

81 8509; (8)..

81 8508; (10)..

81 8507; (8)..

81 8506; (8)..

81 8504-5; (10)..

81 8502-3; (10)..

81 8501; (10)..

81 1984; (12) issues; (94)

pages..

81 8412; (8)..

81 8411; (8)..

81 8410; (8)..

81 8409; (8)..

81 8408; (8)..

81 8407; (8)..

81 8406; (8)..

81 8405; (10)..

81 8404; (2)..

81 8403; (10)..

81 8402; (8)..

81 8401; (8)..

81 1983; (6) issues; (61)

pages..

81 8312; (11)..

81 8311; (10)..

81 8310; (10)..

81 8308-9; (10)..

81 8307-8; (12)..

81 83067; (8)..

Andy also reports he has

contacted: Ed Burton;

209-384-2399; 1611 Rose Ave.;

Merced; CA; 95340.. about

returning the Mafadrive and

Spectra? Ed borrowed from the

Hardware Library..

Andy needs the Mafadrive System

for a project he is working

on..

Ed says he is not using it and

will mail it back..

8 081112/TCN TS SIG Meeting..

Jin Howell reports the '48x

Group' meets the 2nd Wednesday

of the month at 7:30pm at

Denny's Restaurant on Dowers

near Highway 101..

Topics: 'Information Sharing

Strategy' by Bill Miller..

81 Focus on ASCII Files..

81 Use UNIX type 'grep' and

'awk' programs for searching..

8 081110/Letter from: Glen

Matts; ACD-TEL-MUMB; 1235

Richelieu; Houston; TX;

77018..

Glen includes a BAGE. Thanks

Glen!..

Glen's letter says..

'I am new. I have the computer..

I don't know anything..

Can you assist?..

Been in magazine? 08 Nov. ..

I am interested in HAM and

science..

Thanks..

Glen!..

Glen!..

Did you find out about us from

Compute! 0811?..

We all were new when we started

out. TS computers are a good

place to start. Do you have a

TS1000, TS2048, or BL?..

We can help by trying to answer

any specific questions you

have..

We can also supply back issues

of TIMELINEZ/Sincink. They are

\$1.00 each. The 0412 issue has

an index to previous issues.

You may wish to order it

first..

We also have a Software Library,

a Hardware Library, and a

Document Library. Sincink

Subscribers may check out items

from these libraries for a

deposit (refundable) equal to

the price of the item plus a

nominal shipping and handling

fee..

For TS HAM info you may wish to

contact GZ. Their address is

on page 7 of the attached

Sincink 0810-11..

Hope this helps..

8 081110/Note to: Andy

Mradesky..

Andy:

Enclosed are (2) Sincink

0810-11 (Double Size) for

posting up into the next

TIMELINEZ..

Hope you have room for most of

this so we don't have to

publish a separate Sincink..

8 081107/Letter from: Jesse L.

Peeler (sn8507p6);

ACD-TEL-MUMB; Apdo 186 -

Escazu 1250; Costa Rica;

Contra America..

Jesse encloses a BAGE with \$0.45

US Postage. Thanks Jesse!..

Jesse asks about information on

the 'internally' mounted 64K

computers..

We are also interested in other

information on Hardware add-ons

with schematic diagrams..

Jesse:

We have enclosed the article

'Internal 64K RAM for the

TS/21' by: Tim Stoddard; CIS

073127,2664; 85-48 64th Road;

Rego Park; NY; 11374..

From: TIMEDESIGNS Magazine

0705-6 Page 27-28;

503-824-2650; 29722 Malt Rd.;

Colton; OR; 97017..

Hope this is what you are

looking for! Tell us how it

works out. For other

information on Hardware

add-ons, we have found

TIMEDSIGN Magazine to be a

good source of information. You

may want to contact them about

purchasing back issues or

subscribing..

8 081107/Letter from: Ray

Youngberg; 513-890-4737; 6353

Freemont Drive; Dayton; OH;

45415..

Ray encloses a list of his

entire TS1000 and TS2048

Hardware, Software, Books,

Manuals, and Magazines FOR

SALE. Complete list in SL11

Files, or contact Ray

directly..

8 081107/Catalog Sheet for 208

MacPac (9799) from: The

Marketing Clinic; Nigel

Searle; 603-352-9836;

POSTTOWN; 16 Church Street;

Kenneb; NH; 03431; USA..

208 MacPac (9799) available

from: CAMBRIDGE North America/

SSI Computer Systems, Inc.;

207-741-3720; 424 Cumberland

Avenue; Portland; ME;

04101..

8 081105/TCN TS SIG Meeting;

Attendance: (15)..

Topics: 'Microsoft Windows' by:

Bick Belp; Deacon on an 80286

PC Clone..

8 081104.1234-..1241/Call from:

John Dicky; 319-354-2320; 2128

S. Riverside Dr., Lot 8119;

Iowa City; IA; 52244..

John wants to use a TS1000 in a

Controller/ Piano Tuning

Application. He asked about a

'TS1000 Memory Map'. He

suggested 'The complete XI-81

ROM Disassembly' by Dr. Ian

Logan and Dr. Frank O'Hara..

John is also interested in a

source for the TS1000 IRLA Chip.

He suggested Curry Computer,

1-802-478-2900; or Zebra

Systems, 718-295-2385..

Can anyone else help?..

8 081103/Letter from: Mrs. Doris

Bernstein; 213-431-1198;

12290 Monticito Rd., J106;

Seal Beach; CA; 90740..

Mrs. Bernstein reports she has a

Digital Rainbow Version 2.0

Computer System she is

interested in donating to a

charitable organization..

Can anyone tell her how much it

is worth?..

8 081102/PC UNIX SIG Meeting;

Topics: 'An Overview of the X

Window System' by James N.

Turner of Daisy Systems;

Handouts: (39) Pages..

8 081107.1224; sc8811; END....

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ROOM 300C (downstairs)

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FEBRUARY 19, 1989

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DATES: DECEMBER 10, 1988
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Z88 Technical Specification

Design Four-chip design—CPU, ROM, RAM, gate array.

CPU Z80 (CMOS).

ROM 128K containing operating system and applications software together with BASIC/Assembler.

RAM 32K expandable via 32K, 128K, 512K and 1 megabyte to a maximum 3 megabytes, battery-backed from the computer.

EPROM Up to 3 megabytes removable storage capacity via 32K, 128K, 512K and 1 megabyte packs.

Applications software Pipedream word-processing and spreadsheet applications. Database. Calculator, diary, calendar, clock, alarms, printer editor, come as 'pop-down' screens.

Operating system OZ operating software, allows task-switching between applications without loading or exiting.

Language/Assembler Powerful BASIC.

Display 8 × 106 characters 'supertwist' LCD. Includes 8 × 80 working area, page map (shows where you are on a complete page), battery strength, alarm status.

Power 4 AA batteries provide 20 hours active computing or one year on standby.

Ports Three for memory-pack expansion, RS232 for popular printers and data import/export.

CAMBRIDGE

Z88

Z88 Accessories

RAM Packs Require no external power, and are available with 32K, 128K, and 512K capacity. 1 megabyte RAM packs available soon.

EPROM Packs Solid-state permanent storage, available in 32K, 128K and 512K. 1 megabyte EPROM packs available soon.

EPROM Eraser Z88 EPROM Eraser, completely deletes EPROM data—leaves you with a blank EPROM pack, ready for re-use.

PCLINK Consisting of software diskette and RS232 serial cable, allows transfer and receipt of ASCII files between the Z88, and an IBM or compatible PC. Also converts Z88 Pipedream files into either Wordstar or Lotus 1-2-3 files.

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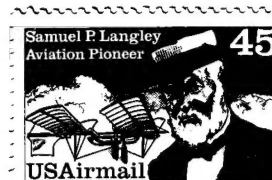
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